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APPLICANT : Thiele, et al.
SERIAL NO : 09/318,080
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TITLE : NOVEL ACETALDEHYDE AND MALONDIALDEHYDE PROTEIN ADDUCTS AS MARKERS FOR ALCOHOL LIVER DISEASE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Amendments

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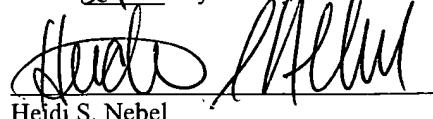
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